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Also enclosed is a copy of the French Search Report issued on September 1, 2003 for the corresponding French Patent Application No. 0215549 of the above-identified application.

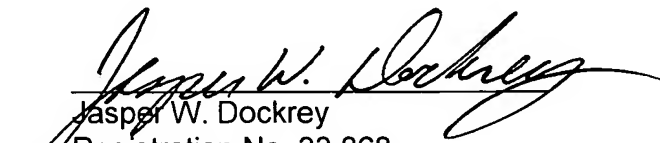
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Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of these documents and make them of record.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION
U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	A1	6,243,508 B1	06/05/2001	Jewell et al.		

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS/ SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES	NO
	A2	DE 19643911 A1	05/07/1998	Germany		x	
	A3	DE 19810060 A1	11/12/1998	Germany		x	
	A4	EP 1061392 A1	12/20/2000	EPO		x	

EXAMINER INITIAL	OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)	
	A5	Holm et al., "Through-Etched Silicon Carriers for Passive Alignment of Optical Fibers to Surface-Active Optoelectronic Components," <i>Sensors and Actuators</i> , 82 (2000) 245-248

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